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April 6, 2004

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Sir:

This is an information disclosure statement submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), i.e., prior to a first Office Action on the merits.

Copies of two foreign patent documents, a European Search Report mailed January 7, 2004, in which the documents were cited, and a Form PTO-1449 listing the documents are submitted herewith. Also listed on the Form PTO-1449 are two U.S. patents.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the first Office Action, no certification or fee is required, and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 are deemed to be fully met as to all documents listed. Consideration of the listed documents respectfully is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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